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Editorial Comment

CAR INSPECTION

The first post-war inspection of automobiles in Virginia is proceeding about as expected. We have only two observations:

Considering the age of the average motor vehicle on the highway, and the average high mileage figure it carries, it is a great tribute to the quality of American production that so far cars are passing inspection with flying colors. The automobile is a stouty made piece of machinery. It is an example of the calibre of mass production on the American scale, a credit both to labor and management.

However, many of the cars in bad mechanical condition have yet to be taken to inspection stations. Owners of these vehicles may find that they will be delayed in getting stickers as repair shops become jammed with work and are faced with a shortage of parts. There is no point in putting off that trip to the inspection station.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS

So many sings transpire during a typical session of Congress that time is needed to make a sound appraisal of its work. Partisans will hasten to "point with pride" or to "view with alarm." True judgment usually is somewhere between the two extremes.

The record of the Congress that adjourned last week-end on matters of foreign policy will meet with general approval. It's record on domestic matters will suffer or gain largely according to the political affiliation of the citizen. It was a Republican controlled Congress, and many of its acts are tinged with traditional Republican policy. The people were prepared for some return to conservatism in national affairs as a postwar adjustment. It remains to be seen whether or not this Congress "went too far to the right."

One of the great periods in the governmental process in the United States occurs when Congressmen go home to "feel the pulse" of public opinion in their districts, and to renew contracts with the 'grassroots.' It is our opinion that the public is more "liberal" than Congressmen realize and that ultra-conservatives are out of step with an atomic age. Events will soon shape up for the 1948 national elections, and we will find increasing interest in national affairs and personalities.

HE DOES ON THE BEACH

Man may have more courage than woman, but he doesn't get half the chance to show his backbone. -Burlington (Wis.) Standard Democrat.

TABLE OF CONTENTS, TOO

Someone has invented a lighting device for a woman's handbag, which will turn on automatically whenever the bag is opened. Perhaps a table of contents would be even more useful. -Staunton News-Leader.

THE HEIGHT OF AMBITION

Overheard in the Times Square area: "Ambitious? Why's he's the kind of guy who walks up on escalators." -From PM.

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—The Times-Virginian.

TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!

By FRANK COLBY
Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.

WORDS TO WATCH

Recently, a network broadcaster, a nationally known lay speaker of ability and education, pronounced intricate as "in-TRICK-it," proving again what I have pointed out before—that most of us have words in our vocabularies which we have always mispronounced.

Of course the dictionaries and good usage do not sanction "in-TRICK-it." Only the first syllable is accented, thus: **IN-tri-kit.**

Another word which is sometimes accented on the wrong syllable is vagary. A Hollywood star recently spoke of the "VAY-guh-reez" of war. The first-syllable accent is sanctioned by some British authorities; but it is not so listed by American authorities. There are two choices, either: **vuh-GAIR-ee;** or: **vuh-GAY-ree.** The first choice is the better.

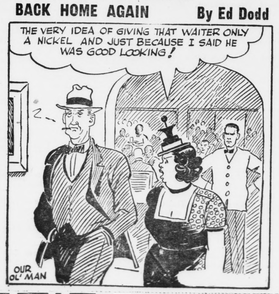
Is it ever correct to pronounce bouquet as "boe-KAY"? Until comparatively recent years "boe-KAY" was regarded as dialectal, the dictionaries listing "boo-KAY" as the only permissible pronunciation. Of late, however, "boe-KAY" has been admitted as second choice by Merriam Webster's and the Thorndike Century, and it is the first choice of Kenyon and Knott's. Apparently the other dictionaries will in time follow suit.

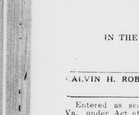
I prefer: **boo-KAY.** But whether you say "boo" or "boe," be sure to keep the accent on the second syllable. Avoid "BOE-kay."

Watch the word evidently. Don't shift the accent to the third syllable, as "ev-i-DENT-lee." The only accent falls on the first syllable, thus: **EV-i-d'nt-lee.**

And be sure not to pronounce the "b" in subtle. It's: **SUH-t'l,** as if it were spelled "suttle." The original word was the Latin subtilis, which lost the "b" and became the Old French word soutil, which became the Middle English word sotill. Later, Latin-influenced scholars restored the "b" in the spelling subtle, but the sound of "b" remained lost.

BACK HOME AGAIN — By Ed Dodd





Our Responsibility in Influencing Family Life

LESSON TEXT FOR AUGUST 3—Prov-erbs 1:8, 9; 6:20-22; 17:6; 19:13; 22:6, 22-26.

MEMORY SELECTION—Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.—Proverbs 22:6.

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By HAROLD E. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
Of The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

TRUTH must be translated into living, and there is no place where it can be more effective than in the home. We will want to make much of this lesson, for it is the only one during the entire year which deals directly with the home.

The book of Proverbs, to which we were introduced last Sunday, abounds in practical advice with a definitely spiritual emphasis, a combination at once wholesome and effective. This is the first of eight lessons making application of Proverbs to the problems of modern life.

Everyone in the home has a measure of responsibility for making the family life what it ought to be. No one from the small child to the great-grandmother is without influence, and each must contribute to the welfare of the home. Our lesson reaches from the young person to the grandfather rejoicing in his children's children.

It begins quite properly with

I. Youth Looking to Parents (1:8, 9; 6:20-22; 23:22-26).

YOUNG people want to be well-dressed and properly groomed. They are interested in that which adorns and improves their appearance. It is right that they should have such concern. Let us remind them, however, that a young man or woman should not only be physically well-groomed, but spiritually attractive as well. If we should give as much thought to that side of our beings as we do to our bodies, there would be wonderful improvement in the life of the individual and in the home.

The child who is properly instructed, and who is responsive to that instruction, is prepared for life no matter where it may lead him (6:22). Wherever and whenever he needs guidance, night or day, it is with him. Even when he sleeps, he is in the hand of God for blessing.

Let no young man or woman be betrayed into that awful folly of our day which neglects the teaching of parents and of the church. Disaster is ahead on that road—sure disaster, and swift!

But now look at the other side of the matter, where we see

II. Parents Looking After Youth (19:18; 22:6).

THERE is a foolish idea current in our day which says that the way to rear children is to let them develop according to their own interests and instincts, without discipline or definite guidance.

The fruits of that kind of child training are now being harvested in the present crop of juvenile delinquents. We have the sad and awful proof before us that children cannot be reared that way.

We are not pleading for a return to the unduly restrictive measures of some of our forefathers; children are not helped by harshness or cruelty. But there is a proper place for definite instruction, for discipline, yes, even for chastening when that becomes necessary.

The larger part, and the most effective part, of this matter is the training of the child (22:6) and when properly done it brings forth the finest of results in later life. The boy who has been taught and directed right may get on a sidetrack for a time, but there is always the promise of a return to the right way.

This business of rearing children calls for the best any of us can put into it, and over and above that, all the grace and wisdom that God can and will give us.

We have reserved one verse for our final point, for here we find

III. Age and Youth Working Together (17:6).

OLD men need encouragement, and they receive it in no richer or more satisfying measure than in the delight they take in their children's children. Young people should remember that, and not fail to give to their grandparents, as well as their parents, the full measure of their interest and devotion.

But now note that "the glory of children are their fathers," yes, and grandfathers. How sad it is when a boy has to be ashamed of his father or one of his grandparents.

That puts on each one of us who has children a truly weighty responsibility. We must walk worthily before God, and before our children, even down to old age, when our grandchildren look to us for an example of godliness and gracious living. May God help us!

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"GAY GADGETS"
Associated Newspapers—WNU Features
By NANCY PEPPER

LUSH MUSH

Food and fun are the two most important elements of any soiree party. Well, you know how to take care of the fun department with mixers and games and Spike Jones recordings. But do you know the latest news in nourishments? We've checked with our party gals and pals and these are the two dishes they like best.

Chiquita Special—They keep telling you on the radio where you shouldn't put bananas, but it takes this column to tell you where you SHOULD put them. Between two slices of spread with cream cheese and sprinkled with soya beans. Need we tell you that you peel and slice the bananas first. Serve banana sandwiches with cold drinks and the rest of the evening will take care of itself.

Party Porkers—The first trick is to get the frankfurters. From there on, everything is pretty simple. You whip up a mess of biscuit dough (those quick mixers save your time and temper), and you roll the wieners in them. Bake well and often, because the gang will eat 'em as fast as you turn 'em out. They're called Pigs in Blankets.

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Jabberwocky and Jive

C.A.R.—Cute and Rugged. Your new description of a T.D. & H. (Tall, Dark and You-Know-What).

YEP ROC—That's Hey, Bob-a-Re-Bob for O. K. You'll hear it on Slim Gaillard's platters.

Sunday Slugger—You used to call him a Soda Jerk.

Go Take a Walk in the Sun—It means "scram" and it's from a movie of the same name.

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Hixburg

Hixburg, July 28.- The members of Rev. Luther Glenn's family had electric lights installed in the manse, Presbyterian Church as a surprise to their parents.

Monday morning, August 4, Rev. J. S. Moore, the Baptist minister, will begin a joint Baptist and Presbyterian Bible School at Mars Baptist Church.

Reverend Glenn, of Roanoke spent the week-end in the neighborhood.

A Hix reunion took place at the home of Miss Maggie Hix during the week-end. Those who attended were: Sears Hix, of Thomasville, N. C.; Mrs. Flosaie Hix Erwin, of Mount Ulla, N. C.; Misses Carrie and Frances Hix, of Richmond; Mrs. Barbara Hix Carson, of Richmond, and Miss Ruth Hix, of Lynchburg. The only absent member was Mrs. Annie Hix Earle, of Waco, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Crote Carson, of Richmond visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Carson during the week-end.

On Sunday, Mr. Elantha Carson returned to the University of Virginia, where he is attending summer school.

Miss Jessie Carson will leave on July 31, to visit Dr. and Mrs. Joe Alsop in Detroit. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Nelson Hix and Miss Bessie Hix, of Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sears were the guest of his parents, Mr and Mrs. Percy Sears last Sunday.

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Stonewall

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Mrs. Anna Lee is on the sick list. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler have returned from a visit with relatives in Roanoke.

Mrs. Lillie Drinkard spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard and other relatives, and attended the Bethel meeting.

Mrs. Lester Carson visited her sister, Mrs. Davis Smith and baby boy in Lynchburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick had as their dinner guests on Sunday Mrs. W. C. Chick, Mrs. Jack Sadler and son, Johnny, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Carson, Mrs. C. W. Overstreet and two children, of Lynchburg, and Mrs. Lillie Drinkard, of Beckham.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant and children were visitors in the Chick home on Saturday night.

There will be preaching at Stonedavy Church Sunday at 3:00 P. M. Everybody is invited.

Miss Anne Carson, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Carson.

The Stonewall Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Wallace Bondurant on last Thursday.

U. S. Navy submarines sank almost two-thirds of Japan's merchant ships and one-third of her warships in World War II.

The United States flag which was photographed in the Mt. Surabachi ceremony on Iwo Jima has been preserved as an historical relic in the Marine Corps Museum at Quantico, Virginia.

The first U. S. Naval officer to become an Admiral was David Glasgow Farragut, who was appointed to that rank July 25, 1866.

Truman attends mother's funeral.

Vera

Vera, July 29.-Miss Annie Carnefix spent the week-end with Mrs. E. Blackwell.

Miss Evelyn Chernault will spend this week with her aunt, Mrs. R. L. Harris, of Chestnut Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault and daughter, Jeanette spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chernault, of Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bryant spent the week-end with her parents in Roanoke.

Misses Sally Lou Chernault and Annie Carnefix spent last week-end with Mrs. Maude Abbitt.

Maynard O'Brien spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Chernault spent last Sunday with relatives in Lynchburg.

Russell Chernault has started on his new home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harris, of Chestnut Grove.

Theodore Roosevelt was the first United States President to go below the surface of the sea in a U. S. Navy submarine.

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"Please convey the thanks of the Department for the generous contribution. Sincerely,

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More Money For Less Work

But what kind of rules are being asked for? Twenty-eight of them would compel railroads to pay more money for the same, or less work; 7 would require additional and unnecessary men *to do the same work;* the rest would bring about changes in operating practices at increased cost.

For Instance:

The Union leaders demand additional train and engine crews on Diesel-powered trains—one full crew for every power unit in the locomotive. A freight train hauled by a 4-unit Diesel would have to carry 4 engineers, 4 firemen, 4 conductors, and at least 8 brakemen, or a total of 20 men instead of 5.

"Made Work"—Sheer Waste

The Union leaders demand that full-length freight trains be cut to about half their length, even though such trains are most efficient for low-cost service to you. This rule would call for twice as many locomotives, would double the number of trains, and make accidents more likely.

Additional equipment, yards, and other facilities required to take care of these short trains would cost hundreds of millions. What the Union leaders really want is to make more jobs.

The Union leaders demand that when a crew in one class of service perform incidental service of another class, they will be paid not less than a day's pay for each class, even though all service is performed as a part of the same day's work. *The crew would get at least two days' pay for one day's work.*

The Union leaders demand that the present basic day for passenger conductors and trainmen be reduced from 150 to 100 miles, which would have the effect of increasing their pay 50%. Such a run often takes only two or three hours!

You Can't Afford This Waste

Demands like these are against the interests of the whole American people, who depend on railroad service for nearly everything they eat, wear and use.

These rules would cost A BILLION DOLLARS annually—a gigantic waste which neither the railroads nor the country can afford.

Railroad workers are good citizens and good employees, with pride in their calling. Their record during the war was outstanding. We do not believe they fully understand the "featherbed" rules which the Union leaders are demanding. We do not believe they understand the harmful results which these rules would have to the railroad industry, to the millions of men and women dependent on railroads for their livelihood, and to the shipping and consuming public.

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